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County ups lobby against OPP formula

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County will be reaching out to its residents, asking them to help it lobby against the new OPP billing formula slated to take effect in 2015.

That formula, which attempts to equalize policing payments throughout the province on a per household basis, would bolster yearly OPP costs in Haliburton County from \$3.3 to \$8.5 million, equating to tax increases of between 20 and 36 per cent in its four lower tier townships.

County councillors, after an unsuccessful delegation to the minister of community safety at the recent Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference in Toronto, held a special meeting March 12.

They decided to request that each of their lower tier councils support a direct mail-out campaign to their residents, urging them to write letters to the province in protest of the proposed framework.

"Right now we've got the OPP saying it's going to happen, we've got the ministry saying it's going to happen," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, who is the county's representative on an OPP billing steering committee established by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. "The only way to change that is to make it a political threat."

Paul MacInnes is president of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations and was at Wednesday's meeting.

The association represents dozens of lake associations throughout the county.

"We've been trying to get as much from inside the government as we possibly can," MacInnes said.

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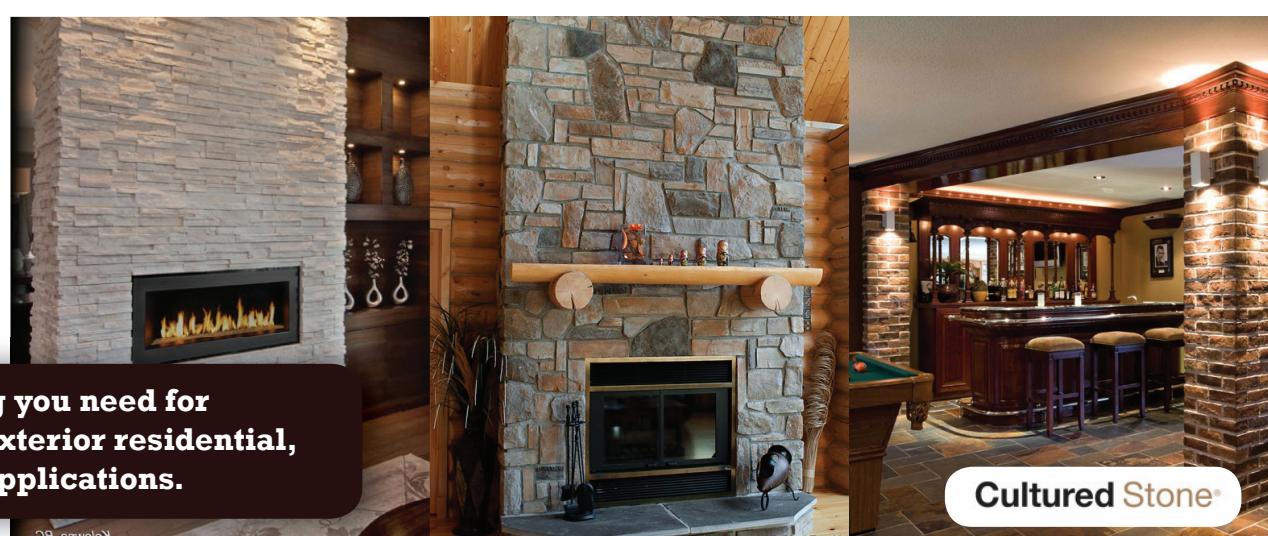
Mike Jaycock plays eccentric grandpa Sycamore in the Highlands Little Theatre production of *You Can't Take It With You*. Read more on page 5. Darren Lum Staff

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at \$89 a night plus tax, totalling \$185.94, said Janke.

All those who attended drove in separate vehicles, some personal while a few staff took a work vehicle, which is encouraged, said Janke.

More than \$1,400 in mileage was expensed to the county, as well as about \$1,000 in parking during the four-day period.

The meal expenses varied from each attendee, however, policy dictates each individual is permitted no more than \$75 a day for meals.

This is broken down to \$15 for breakfast, \$25 for lunch and

\$35 for dinner, all of which must include taxes and gratuities, said Janke.

"If some of them got taken out somewhere then they wouldn't submit a receipt for that bill," she said, adding it's common for politicians and staff to be treated to meals.

Alcohol purchases are not covered by the county.

County policy also dictates that expenses accrued by spouses or companions are not covered.

The department head or CAO decides who will attend the conference.

It is common for the county to send more than one roads representative, said Wilson.

"It's an opportunity for the staff to go meet with suppliers and look at new products," he said. "A lot of the sessions are geared more to the technical end."

The cost to cover staff must come from the roads department's budget, said Wilson.

The county covered the four reeves' costs, Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, Wilson, and road department employees Roy Haig, Doug Ray and Sylvain Cloutier.

"At the county you are allowed to attend one [conference per year], with the warden exempt from that and allowed to go to however many they feel necessary," said Janke.

According to county policy, either the reeve or deputy-reeve is permitted to attend two conferences or they could each attend one conference, however, no more than two conferences per municipality per year will be reimbursed.

All county employees may attend two relevant conferences per year, approved by the department head or CAO.

The CAO can attend as many conferences as deemed appropriate, subject to budget limitation, according to the policy.

It is the policy of the county to encourage its elected officials and staff to participate in annual conferences, according to the conference procedure manual.

The policy does not include any references to encouraging car-pooling, to reduce mileage or parking expenses.

Dysart et al covered Deputy-reeve Bill Davis's expenses, while Highlands East covered Councilor Cec Ryall.

Thomas and Hill filed their expenses to the municipalities for which they work.

As of press time Ryall and Davis had not submitted their expenses.

Davis has been out of the country on vacation for the past two weeks, according to Dysart chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee.

Echo welcomes new reporter

Jenn Watt
Editor

Zach Cox's parents got one of their first glimpses of their son's interest in politics on the cusp of the Conservative victory in the 2003 federal election.

That night, Zach, a Grade 4 student, stayed up until midnight eager to find out who the new leader of Canada would be.

His interest in world events has stuck with him and, combined with a passion for writing, led him to journalism.

Not that the path has been that obvious.

After graduating from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Cox decided to go to the University of Waterloo for engineering, rather than head into reporting.

He enjoyed physics classes in high school and thought joining the UW co-op program would keep his student debt to a minimum.

"I actually really enjoyed it. I learned a ton and met great people," he said. "It's an awesome program, but it's not for me."

After one semester, Cox left Waterloo, came home to the Highlands and applied to Trent University's journalism program.

He also popped by the Fleming CREW office in Haliburton, which helps people find work and provides employers with incentives to hire and train youth.



Darren Lum Staff

Zach Cox is the newest editorial addition to the *Haliburton County Echo* and *Minden Times* staff. Cox is excited to be part of the team and is looking forward to attending the Trent University and Loyalist College joint program with a focus on journalism.

Cox wanted to work at the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times*, and employment and training consultant Kim Quigley made the connection.

The 19-year-old sees journalism as a chance to travel, experience a breadth of new things and shape the way people see the world.

"I will get to meet all sorts of people and change the way I see things," said Cox.

In turn, "I'll get to change the way other people see things as well."

While he has never left Canada, Cox has already been active in the local and international community. He worked for four years with the Haliburton Highlands tourism office, is a member of the youth advisory council for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan American Games and has volunteered with Canoe FM since March, 2012.

Cox said he's thankful for the opportunity to report on and learn from the local community.

"Haliburton County is a pretty awesome place," he said.

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The winner will receive a free one-year subscription to the *Haliburton Echo*.

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Good luck!



Pearson's Pauses exhibit on in Lindsay

Rose Pearson addresses approximately 40 art lovers who came out for the opening of her exhibit entitled Pauses at the Lindsay Gallery. The show will run until March 29. The gallery is located on the second floor of the Public Library. For information visit www.thelindsaygallery.com.

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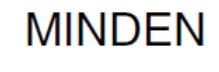
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Luck of the Irish lands on Kitchener resident

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation campaign chairman Don Popple, left, pulls out the winning ticket in the Cash for Care lottery draw on March 17 at the Haliburton hospital. Jan Ashton from Kitchener was feeling the luck of the Irish and was the winner of \$500. Popple was assisted by HHHS president and CEO Varouj Eskedjian. The next draw for \$1,000 takes place on April 30. The lottery is now 70 per cent sold, with tickets still available for purchase. They are \$25 each or five for \$100 and can be bought by calling 705-457-1580. The final draws will take place on May 23. Angelica Blenich Staff

Four Aurora men charged with marijuana possession

After pulling over a driver for speeding on Highway 35 south of Minden, an OPP officer ended up charging four young men with possession of marijuana.

On March 10, police stopped a car near the City of Kawartha Lakes boundary. The officer saw marijuana in plain view in the car.

All of the occupants, who were from Aurora, were arrested. The officer found marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. The driver, a 20-year-old man, was charged with speeding at 106 kilometres an hour in an 80 kilometre-an-hour zone and possession of marijuana. The three male passengers, aged 18, 19 and 20, were also

charged with possession of marijuana.

They are scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on May 7.

'Emergency scam' continues to fool

Scammers continue to inflict financial and emotional harm by preying upon seniors and vulnerable citizens through "The Emergency Scam."

In a typical "emergency" scam, the victim receives a phone call or email from someone claiming to be a friend or relative in distress. The caller or emailer goes

on to indicate that they are in some kind of trouble and need money. Victims generally don't verify the story until after their money has been sent through a wire transfer service or they have provided access to personal banking or credit card information to criminals.

Check with family before sending any money. These incidents should be reported every time they occur, to allow police to investigate and find the perpetrators.

If you or someone you know may have been the victim of the "emergency" scam, contact your local police service or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

Politicians want public to push for change

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"The feedback we got from our contacts is that, at this point in time, it doesn't matter what we say. The bureaucracy is already done."

Still, the CHA has been urging members to write letters to the province.

"The response has been phenomenal," MacInnes said, adding he was notified of more than 400 responses that went to the Premier.

MacInnes has been in touch with association for Lake of Bays, which straddles Haliburton and the District of Muskoka, urging it to take action as well.

Muskoka would be the only municipality worse off than Haliburton County by the proposed framework, with its yearly OPP costs jumping from \$9.7 to \$17 million.

One-hundred-ninety municipalities would see their costs increase.

Rosemarie Jung, manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, was also at the meeting.

Jung said the chamber will be reaching out to its 350 members and was hoping to organize a day of action, where members would call the province and explain how the formula would impact them.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said he thought there should be consistency in the mail-outs between the four townships.

Councillors have stressed the issue is with the provincial government and not officers themselves.

"Our fight is not with the local police," Burton said.

County councillors will be taking the mail-out idea to their lower-tier townships for approval at their next scheduled council meetings. Just how police billing got to its current state, where fees seem to be charged lopsidedly, has not been made perfectly clear and is part of what the AMO steering committee is trying to establish.

Haliburton County suiting up for Roots brand clothing

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County councillors had a look at drawings for the line of #MyHaliburtonHighlands clothing it is commissioning from Canadian clothier Roots during a March 12 meeting of the tourism committee.

The county will be embarking on a pilot project with the company, selling the clothing out of the tourism information office along Highway 35 in Minden.

"This was quite an intensive project," tourism director Amanda Ranson told

councillors. "Roots did not just hand us this collection."

The company has recommended a pilot project based on a minimum order. That inventory would cost the county about \$9,200 and it would profit about \$7,300 if all the clothing sells.

The order Roots is suggesting would include unisex full-zip hoodies, kanga hoodies (no zipper) and quarter-zip polo sweaters, as well as men's and women's crew-neck T-shirts, as well as backpacks and caps.

"They really educated me on what they thought would sell," Ranson said.

Because people buying the merchandise will be in cottage mode, comfy is the order of the day.

Since the info office doesn't have change rooms, it was suggested pants would not sell well.

There were also a few takes on the county's new tourism logo, one that had the word "Highlands" spelled in blocky, collegiate-style font common to Roots clothing.

"I do not agree with changing the logo," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, a former professional marketer. "It's marketing 101. Do not change the logo."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Mof-

fatt agreed.

While specific prices have not been determined, Ranson said the clothing would be sold at the typical Roots price point.

"But keep in mind, it's made in Canada, it's quality," she said.

The only items not made in the country are the backpacks and hats, which councillors said they were OK with.

Display shelving for the clothing will be installed in the info centre.

To see drawings of the clothing, search the March 12 tourism committee agenda on the county website.

AMO pushes back against tightening oversight by province

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The provincial government wants to tighten its reins over Ontario's municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario is taking issue with that.

Councillors on Haliburton County's finance and correspondence committee received a notice from AMO's communications department at their March 12 meeting.

According to the notice, Premier Kathleen Wynne has said the government intends to create new accountability measures for municipalities and increase the scope of its oversight.

"Municipalities would be required to create new processes to review complaints about service delivery, or choose to have service complaints investigated by the office of Ontario's ombudsman," the notice read. "Furthermore, municipal service complaint processes and investigations carried out by anyone other than the provincial ombudsman, could be subjected to 'review' by his office."

The AMO intends to keep municipalities informed of the details of the province's proposal as they become available.

"The Ontario government would layer provincial oversight and new administrative processes on municipal government," the notice continued. "It represents duplication and inefficiency, and importantly, it suggests what Wynne's government does not trust in the capacity of municipal government to expose and address questions about performance and integrity."

Councillors were supportive of AMO.

"It seems to me the government is focusing on issues that certainly can't be on their top 100 list," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

"I think they're trying to get the ombudsman to look away from them," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey quipped.

Reid questioned whether the proposed changes contravened the Municipal Act.

County council costs just more than \$100,000

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County council cost taxpayers a little more than \$100,000 to operate for 2013.

Members of the county's finance and correspondence committee received council expenditures for last year during their March 12 meeting.

County councillors receive \$625 per month, \$1,250 for the warden. They receive either \$60 or \$100 for each committee meeting they attend, depending on the length of the meeting.

Including per diem, mileage and other expenses, Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch was paid \$9,600 for the year; Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid approximately \$10,240; Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton \$10,730; Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey approximately \$11,260; Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge about \$11,500; Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis approximately \$12,600; Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danieslen just more than \$13,350; and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who served as warden last year, approximately \$21,500.

Payments at the upper tier are separate from compensation councillors receive from their lower-tier townships.

The expenditures do not include those for registered conferences, which are paid directly by the municipality.

The members of the county's library board cost just more than \$3,000 in expenditures; the land division committee \$3,200; the tourism committee \$1,500 and the accessibility committee \$1,300.

Communing with the wolves

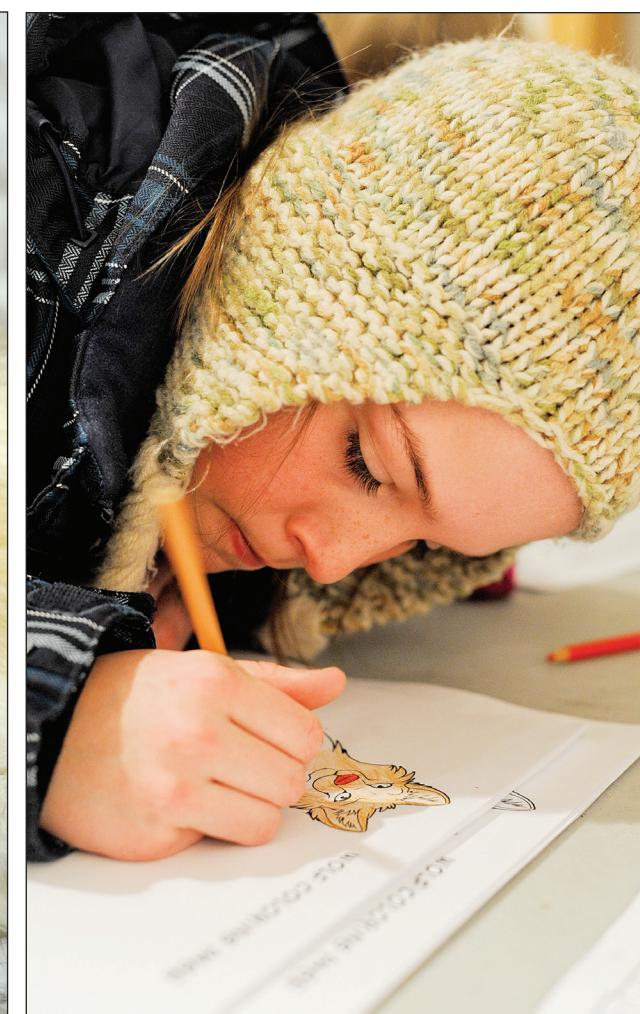
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Six-year-old Lillian Ramsdale of Haliburton was with her grandmother and brother visiting the Haliburton Forest wolf centre on Wednesday, March 12 during the March Break. The list of March Break activities included a puppet show; stories as told by Twig, the Forest's gnome; and wolf arts and crafts.



Fang is the newest wolf to the Haliburton Forest's wolf centre and he drew a lot of attention from visitors.



Ten-year-old Grace Walton of Powasson adds colour to her wolf.

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Haliburton Highlands Museum demonstrates maple syrup making. Page 10

community theatre

Highlands Little Theatre brings laughs with latest production

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

After a perpetual winter the Highlands Little Theatre is giving people a chance to smile with its upcoming production of the Moss Hart's and George S. Kaufman's, *You Can't Take It with You*.

This two-act performance is set in the 1930s and revolves around the strange, but loveable Sycamore family and a young budding romance between Alice Sycamore and Tony Kirby, her boss's son.

All kinds of shenanigans ensue when Tony comes to see Alice, meeting the family over dinner.

Co-director Curtis Eastmure said the idea to stage the play came from its broad appeal as a romantic comedy and how it celebrates eccentricity.

"Everybody loves a comedy. There are some great lines with this. In its day it would have been considered risqué for some of the stuff we're doing. The tongue-in-cheek stuff. The sexual innuendo, which is nothing today. In its day it was quite racy," Eastmure said. "It's a play that is pretty timeless. It speaks to people that are eccentric and odd, but in their own way they contribute to society."

The play won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1937. It was produced for the screen in 1938, starring Jimmy Stewart, Lionel Barrymore and directed by Frank Capra.

The large cast necessary for the play lends itself to the 35-year-old theatre group's hope to draw more people to become involved with the stage, Eastmure said.

"We knew what we wanted to do was to spark a resurgence and interest in community theatre. We wanted to get a large cast and get some people on stage that have never been there before," he said.

The play includes a 19-member cast of locals, featuring romantic leads Amanda Robinson, as Alice Sycamore, Adam Perecko, as Tony Kirby, Mike Jaycock as the eccentric grandfather and Karen Frybort as the Grand Duchess Olga Katrina.

Eastmure said Jaycock won't be performing in anything else this season and his performance should not be missed.

Also, Frybort in the last act, which he considers "hilarious," is simply "fabulous" in her role.

With any large cast production, Eastmure said there is a constant effort to have everyone in the right spot at the right time.

"You're almost choreographing where everybody is on the stage all the time. They've picked up quite well on that blocking. That hasn't been a problem," he said.

It was close to 20 years ago that the theatre group first performed this play.

The co-director is inviting anyone who was involved with that first production to come to the final night and the cast party.

Eastmure said co-director Jack Brezina saw the play performed in Toronto and new it would work here.

"It struck his fancy the first time he saw it," he said. "He said this is a great community theatre piece."

The play is being staged at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion and runs from April 3 to 5 for evening shows at 8 p.m. while the matinee is on April 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and at Pharmasave in Minden.

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Photos clockwise from top, Adam Perecko, as Tony Kirby, left, embraces Amanda Robinson, as Alice Sycamore; Jen Mykolyshyn, as Gay Wellington takes a drink; David McGill, as Mr. Kolenkhov; Jennifer Button, as Essie Sycamore and McGill; and John Neving, as Donald, left, is consoled by David Zilstra, as Paul Sycamore in the Highlands Little Theatre production of *You Can't Take It With You*. The play features a 19 member cast, who will perform at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on April 3, 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. and April 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Get tickets at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Pharmasave in Minden.

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Cost control

ALL TOLD, it cost the taxpayers of Haliburton County at least \$17,000 to send 13 people to the annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference in Toronto.

The four-day affair is arguably the most important municipal event of the year, allowing politicians to get face-time with provincial politicians and giving staff the opportunity to hear about changes in their respective fields.

This year in particular, Haliburton County's presence in Toronto was crucial. Local politicians have been putting all of their collective pressure on the government to find a better way to bill for Ontario Provincial Police costs, which are set to skyrocket in a year's time.

The ROMA/Good Roads Association conference from Feb. 23 to 26 was the ideal place to argue Haliburton County's case to those set to impose a 20 to 36 per cent increase on taxpayers.

But even with the good work being done, the financials released last week indicating the county's 13 representatives – seven politicians and six staff – spent \$17,700 collectively attending the conference is a tough pill to swallow.

After all, many of them were arguing that our relatively small tax base couldn't handle new increases.

It is important to remember that there is a tradition of this county sending many representatives – it is common for several staff to attend.

This year's costs aren't anything out of the ordinary. (Four of the 13 were paid for by lower tier municipalities, with the total bill to the county being around \$14,700.)

That said, in an era of fiscal restraint – and greater environmental awareness – a few changes could have saved the county several thousand dollars.



Jenn Watt
Editor

The easiest change could be a car-pooling policy.

Each of our representatives went to Toronto in separate cars. Thirteen people coming from the same place ended up charging \$1,400 in mileage. (Some used municipal vehicles and did not charge mileage.)

For those 13 vehicles, more than \$1,000 was paid for parking alone.

With the exception of Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, everyone chose to stay at the Fairmont Royal York hotel, where the conference was held, meaning none of them needed vehicles once they arrived in downtown Toronto.

Fearrey stayed at the Radisson Hotel, a short distance away for \$89 a night plus tax, versus the \$200 a night plus tax at the Royal York.

Simply instituting a car-pooling policy could save \$1,000 right off the bat.

Sending one or two fewer people could save a few thousand more.

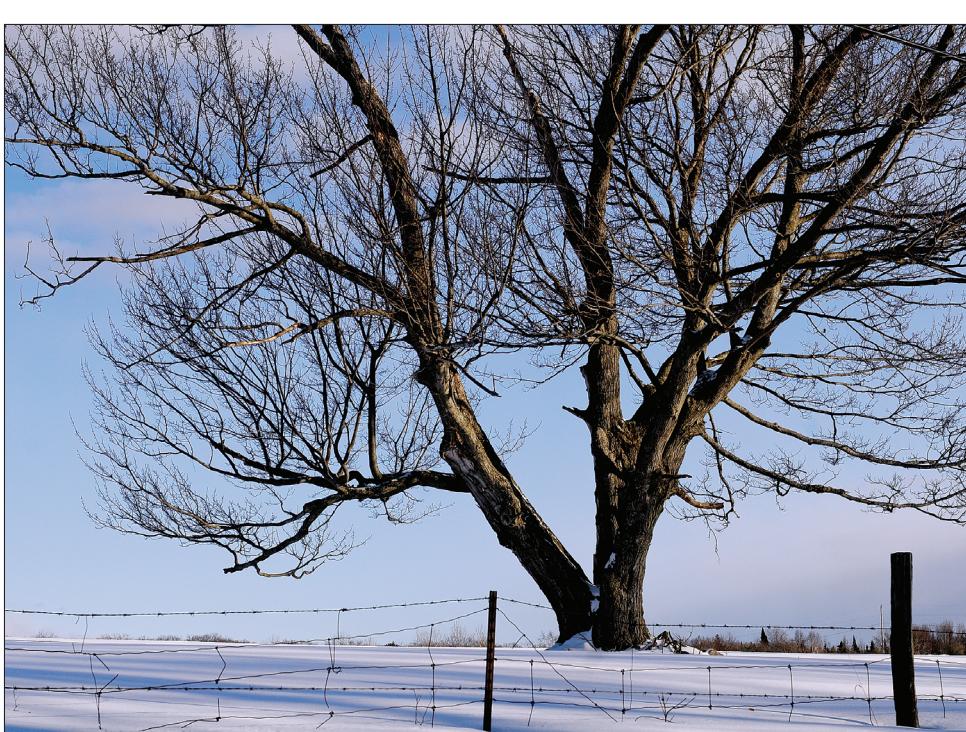
In the larger picture of the county's multi-million dollar yearly budget, \$14,700 isn't much; however, saving just a fraction of the cost could mean spending in other departments.

In the last year, the county reduced funding to the fish hatchery. Every year it questions funding the children's water festival. Extra money to offset costs for an affordable housing project was denied.

These are all worthy projects that would benefit from an infusion of even a modest amount.

There is no question that there must be a strong county presence at the ROMA conference and that staff should be up-to-date on new policies and procedures.

But when hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars could be saved by car-pooling and sending one or two fewer people, council should take steps to do so.



sun-soaked tree

photo by Darren Lum

Downtown decorating

BEGONIAS – 50 baskets of beautiful red begonias.

Can you picture them in Haliburton village?

Is it helping you to think spring? Add to this beautiful banners.

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We may have a few spots available for additional new banners this year.

If you would like more information about this, please contact me at haliburtonbia@mail.com.

Everything that happens in the village impacts BIA member stores, businesses and restaurants.

Certainly, we are always dedicated to our commitment to create a dynamic shopping and business community.

We are always eager to design promotions and plan special events for our residents.

We are also keenly aware that there are many reasons families come to town and that recreational pursuits are high on the list.

This means that the BIA can and will continue to have a role to play in the larger vision of a healthy, active community for all.

The recent meeting of the municipality and interested citizens to discuss and share the future of the recreation and sports in Dysart et al was important for all of us.

There is something very exciting about a community that is looking to the future by seeking input and suggestions through an open meeting with all interested stakeholders.

I am excited for our residents, and especially the children, who call Dysart

et al home.

I look forward to a future where our village is a hub for excellence in recreation programming and to new and fun ways the BIA can support and share in it.

ColourFest 2014, Oct. 4 seems so far away and we sure don't want to rush past spring and summer!

However, we are starting to plan and organize. The ColourFest 2014 committee will have its first meeting in April.

You are invited to join this committee.

You are also invited to share your thoughts and ideas. What worked well?

What should we change? What is the best, and fairest way, to invite local bands to participate?

What about advertising and promotion?

How can we more effectively secure the sponsors we need for success?

Although ColourFest is a small-budget, not-for-profit, small-town fall event, it is also a unique and family fun festival that has become a signature tourist attraction in the Highlands.

Let the planning begin.

Finally, I want to remind you that I am counting on you to join me in my "Think Spring" campaign.

Plant your seeds; do your spring cleaning; do whatever you like to do in the spring and I am sure the weather will catch up to your thoughts and actions.

A nice steady melt is what I have in mind. As I write this column there is a wind chill of -33 Celsius in the Highlands.

Hopefully, as you read it, the think spring campaign is already working and you are enjoying some warmer weather. Here's hoping the snow will be off the driveway by April.



Gail Stelter
BIA in the Village



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points of view

The golden anniversary

THIS SATURDAY is my birthday. Normally, I don't make a big deal of that day, but this one is really quite special.

Unlike the age of consent or the 30th, 40th, or even 50th birthday, 52 is truly a special occasion. This, after all, is the Golden Anniversary of your second birthday.

Aside from the fact that this was the age I achieved my maximum height and optimum level of cuteness (I looked like a lemur), it was also the last time the world was truly my oyster. I bet the same goes for you.

Think about it.

At two, after all, you get chauffeured around, carried or pushed in a stroller, you get to chase ducks in the park without a second look, are constantly being handed bottles to finish and can have the odd accident without everyone making such a big deal of it.

As I recall, it's also the only time a woman ever picked me up and held me to her bosom.

Better yet, back then, though I basically had the same amount of hair I have now, at least I could look forward to it growing in.

Some 52-year-olds would let this golden anniversary pass gracefully without much fuss or fanfare. Well, I'm not one of them.

No, I have big plans. I'm going to do it up right.

I happen to think that this is a great day to get a bit nostalgic and relive a few of those magic moments from a glorious time – because, as I remember it, that wonderful year was only terrible for the people around me.

I've been thinking about this for a few weeks and, after much thought, I know exactly how my day will go.

First, I'll wake up very early on Saturday morning all snug in my Spiderman onesie. Then after sneaking downstairs, I'll start by lying on my back and amusing myself by jangling a set of keys and whispering "Who's a good boy? Who's a good boy?"

I'll pull the tail of the cat as it passes and call it bad when it hisses. Then I'll try to draw a moustache on it with permanent marker.

Ten minutes later, when I get bored with that I'll marvel at a picture book or two and maybe even pick up a crayon and try my best to colour between the lines.

I might unpack my favourite 10-piece puzzle and, hopefully, complete it this time. Since Jenn will likely still be sound asleep, I'll probably run headlong into the kitchen, pick up a pot and start banging on it with a big spoon to beat the band.

Since she would never allow me to do this while she was up, that is the perfect time to do this.

This, I suppose will cause her to run downstairs to give me a stern talking to. In response, I'll likely make a face that signals I'm hurt and am about to cry.

But when she apologizes and reminds me it's my birthday, I'll very likely jump up and down and clap my hands far too enthusiastically. Total mood change.

Capitalizing on this, she'll divert me with a sippy cup filled with my favourite juice. Then she will direct me into the living room where I will sit in my little chair and watch a few of my favourite cartoons, so she can have a few minutes to drink her coffee in peace.

After the cartoons, I'll crawl around on the floor for a bit and then stand up, quite suddenly in that wobbly, childlike way and race up the stairs where I will teeter a bit once I get to the top. Then, I'll slide down the stairs on my butt and scream with glee.

At about this point, I figure Jenn's heart will be in her throat. So, she'll probably sit me down at the table and hand me a good book suitable to my age, which I will immediately scribble in. She'll take it away from me; I'll probably throw a bit of a tantrum.

This will cause her to put me in the time-out chair until I promise to behave.

Two minutes later, she will have my solemn word that I will be a good boy forever. Then, I'll go to the potty and when I come out, I'll be very proud of my achievement and the fact that I did it all by myself.

She'll ask me not to speak of it again, however.

A few minutes later, I'll need a good long nap. It's been a busy morning.

Then, when I finally wake all happy and refreshed, I'll switch from my normal Saturday morning routine and do my best to remember what it was like to be two.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

letters to the editor

Let cooler heads prevail

To the Editor:

If the reporting in the local newspapers of the statements and apparent attitudes of the persons in opposition to the Armatec land use proposal are correct, I am in shock.

The statements of "harm" that would occur appear to have no proof or background basis. To me, they appear purely emotional.

The invectives and vitriolic expressions of almost hate is, to me, reminiscent of trying to integrate the school systems of the southern United States in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

In that foray people also used their children to defend the status quo.

Surely council in its March 24 meeting and review of this application will stay above the fray of this one-sided, uninformed, emotional and self-interested attitude and make a decision guided by fact, reason, planning principles and the whole "community" that it represents.

David M. Bishop
Haliburton

Louder things than Armatec

To the Editor,

To the seasonal and permanent residents of the Benoir Lake area: It seems that everyone has forgotten that when Benoir Lake development was booming Martin's Mill was also BOOMING 24 hours a day. What could Armatec possibly do on their proposed site that would equal the noise that was created by the mill with saws, chippers, de-barkers and loaders running 24 hours a day echoing down the lake? Have you forgotten about the 24-hour truck traffic on the Elephant Lake Road and Peterson Road bringing raw materials in and taking finished product out? I have no idea what Armatec could possibly do that would create that much traffic. In those days there were not the noise restrictions on trucks that there are now; you could hear a fully loaded log or lumber truck coming for miles.

Do any of you realize that the road improvements done to the Elephant Lake Road and Peterson were done because there was an *industry* that warranted it? I can remember when both were just winding trails through the bush barely wide enough to pass two vehicles on. Would any of you want to drive that to your cottage every weekend with your fancy SUVs with boats, jet skis or snowmobiles in tow?

Next time you spout about the noise from "no more than 30" test explosions per year, think about that box of fireworks you bring to the cottage and set off at all hours of the day and night and sometimes into the wee hours of the morning. What effect do you think that has on the sleeping wildlife? Have you ever taken time to notice the reaction from your family dog during a barrage of fireworks? I know in Gooderham after a weekend of fireworks there are usually one or two notices posted for missing pets that have run off due to the noise. What about your boats and jet skis? Do you not think they have an effect on the fish from the noise and the nesting birds from the

see NIMBYISM page 8

Armatec environmentally friendly?

To the Editor,

I attended the meeting on March 3 discussing the proposal for Armatec to build a military testing site on 2,300 acres on the shores of Benoir Lake. Councillor Steve Pogue said he had contacted the reeve in Shannon, Que., where the Armatec testing site is and the reeve spoke highly of the company.

A small bit of research shows that one of the largest class action lawsuits in North America seeking compensation from the Department of National Defence for damages suffered by releasing a known carcinogen into the water supply was filed by over 2,500 residents of Shannon, Que.

Armatec says that they will not cause contamination but they are located in an area that is already contaminated and performing military tests. This is the age-old story of a company coming to town promising jobs at the expense of the environment and people who live there.

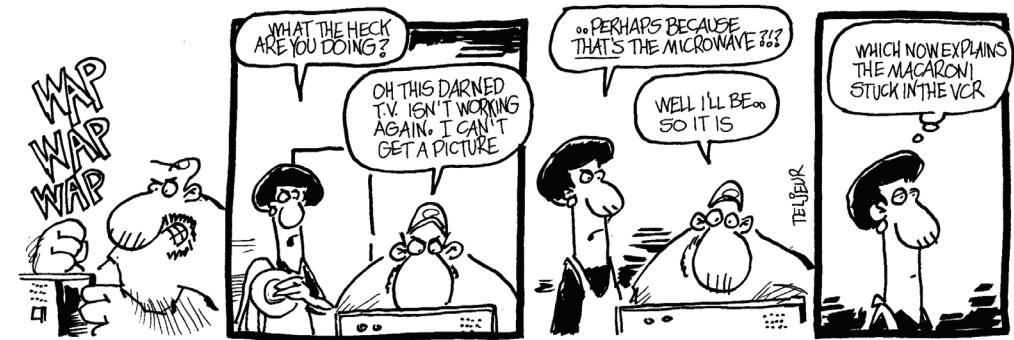
We have issues with jobs now but what if we stood by the vision of Haliburton Highlands as a tourist destination and a place to live and grow. Military testing does not mix with this vision and the short term gains will be at the expense to future development of the area.

I know that Armatec says they will not harm the environment but how many times have we heard this story and the environment is indeed harmed. Bombs are toxic. That's the plain and simple truth. Tourism and military testing cannot exist side by side. What do we choose for the future?

Darlene Buckingham
Wilberforce

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NIMBYism has to stop

from page 7

wake you create?

Has anyone even bothered to ask what the "hours of operation" would be should Armatec be allowed to go ahead with their project? I am quite certain they would not be setting off their "test explosions" at 2 a.m. on a Sunday morning as fireworks are in my area.

The "not in my back yard syndrome" has to stop. The permanent residents in Haliburton County need industrial growth to create jobs for those of us who have not yet reached retirement age or can't afford to only be here to play and relax. While the thought of five to 15 jobs may sound like small potatoes to some, if each of those jobs supported an average family of four that could be up to 60 people benefitting from the project, not taking into account the contractors who would be required to build the facilities. It used to be that sawmills were built and mines were developed and communities grew around them, no one was concerned

with noise because noise meant work. Most of those industries have died in our area and our towns are slowly dying because of it. Not all work can be accomplished working on a computer from the quiet of a cubical.

What significance does a petition "with close to a thousand signatures from all over the world" have in this matter? A petition should only carry any validity if signed by people who could be affected, addresses should be included and any without an interest should be stricken from the petition. How could someone on the other side of the world possibly be affected by this project?

The people who are against "development" need to step back and take a look at what affect their own activities are having on the environment and their neighbours, I know I am tired of the noise pollution from fireworks at 2 a.m.

Doug Bates
Gooderham

Generosity keeps Red Wolves moving

To the Editor,

The Red Wolves, athletes of Special Olympics Ontario, would like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who donated amazing items and experiences (ie. bike, golf and ski passes) for their fundraiser. The loonie auction, country auction and silent auction raised money that will be used for uniforms, equipment, fees

and transportation costs related to various activities. Your generosity ensures the continuation of all the programs.

"To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own." - Anne Morrow Lindberg

Judith Fisher and Leona Carter
Red Wolves volunteers

Pool wouldn't burden taxpayers

To the Editor,

I wish to thank Chad Ingram for his article on the county swimming pool committee presentation to county council.

However, several crucial points were not reported.

The Petrolia facility does have a deficit but they have fewer members (1,200) and thus less revenue than we are envisioning even at the lower 1,600 membership level.

There are several reasons for lower membership numbers in Petrolia that include a population of 5,528, a small catchment area, competition with larger centres and they do not

have the large seasonal resident population that we enjoy.

We believe that our operating expenses should be similar to theirs (\$711,000), but with approximately \$180,000 in extra revenue from memberships.

The conclusions found in the market demand feasibility study indicate that we will be successful in operating our proposed facility with no financial burden on the taxpayer.

Gary McKnight
Treasurer
Haliburton County Swimming Pool Initiative



Armatec in best interest of county

To the Editor,

It became abundantly clear, at least to me, after Monday night's zoning committee meeting at the Haliburton Legion, that the present Dysart township council is *not* the least bit interested in three things for sure:

(1) Job creation for the benefit of township taxpayers

(2) Doing everything they can to help save the lives of Canadian soldiers in combat

(3) A significant increase in tax revenue for municipal coffers.

I'm having trouble getting my head around this. The zoning committee had a chance to accommodate Armatec's request.

Armatec guaranteed at the meeting five to 15 jobs for the area's local population (how many jobs were lost in Harcourt when Martin's Mill shut down?) not including construction jobs and spin-offs (hotel, meals, supplies, etc.) once underway. Dysart's planning committee voted (unanimously) to recommend to full council that council *not* approve this zoning change thus killing these five to 15 jobs locally, possibly saving some lives and I guess they don't need the tax revenue either.

In later conversation with one of these planning committee members (and councillor) he indicated there was some 1,500 people opposed (99 per cent not even local and only a handful in favour). How many go to

a meeting to oppose something they are in favour of?

The people opposed to this lost any shred of their credibility after their rude, ignorant, juvenile and hooligan behaviour at the information meeting held in Harcourt last week. They used every tactic they could, including lies, gross exaggerations and worse in an attempt to bully the town council into turning this down when in fact, they haven't a clue, really, what they are talking about.

As I said at the meeting, this township council's model of the "local population being allowed to make a living as long as nobody can hear or see us" is clearly unsustainable and has been for some time.

It is at best grossly unfair to present and future generations of young Haliburtonians who have to face the future having to (1) go away to find work (2) take a menial low-paying seasonal job (3) go on welfare.

The business being proposed for this site is exactly what any rural township could want. It is a clean, safe, environmentally friendly facility whose industry is regulated to death by all three levels of government, including the RCMP. It's creating new jobs, spending money locally and supporting the community. Armatec have committed themselves to do their best to address all concerns.

Regardless if the opinion of the Benoir Lake Et-al Hooligan Socie-

ty's standing committee in charge of rude, ignorant and juvenile behaviour, it is in the best interest of the *whole* township for township council to approve this application. It is a no brainer. Jobs, saving lives, and tax revenue.

The time has long gone by where this council and preceding councils have been bullied into turning down these types of permanent, good paying, long term, fulltime jobs for any reason.

The net effect of this is that they have, at best, caused a total stagnation of the local year round economy, the emptying of the community of most of our young people forced to find work elsewhere, and at worst, running the long term future economy, for everyone in the township.

I, for one, am sick to death of this mentality, council: I urge you, try something new, radical and off the wall here.

Vote to *create* jobs for a change. Let the opponents of this take it to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Let them pay the costs. All it will take is for the OMB to hear the tape of the Harcourt meeting and it will be a done deal for Armatec.

Tim Casey

P.S. It's getting very close and has been for some time to the inmates running the asylum. This has to stop.

Help for survivors of sexual assault

An open letter to our community,

In response to recent cases of sexual violence reported on by the CBC, the *Toronto Star* and the *Globe and Mail*, the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre reaches out to you and shares that there are people in your community who will support you.

You can talk to a trusted friend, family member, or contact a sexual assault centre support line. You can call us at 1-866-298-7778. All calls

are free and confidential.

In response to the discussion surrounding the term "rape culture" we ask that you consider what this means to you. Emilie Buchwald, author of *Transforming a Rape Culture* describes it as "a complex set of beliefs that encourage male sexual aggression and supports violence against women ... (making it) seem so normal."

This set of beliefs is found every day in the images and language we use.

When you hear sexually aggress-

sive conversations or jokes about rape, how do you respond? When you see T-shirts that read "keep calm and rape a lot," how do you respond?

There are things you can do: join the conversation and question the "normal."

Sonya Vellenga
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The Rotary Wheels for Learning initiative helped to give more than 1,000 bicycles in Cambodia over three weeks from February to January. The trip included six members (Steve Roberts, second from left, in yellow, and Andrea Roberts, pictured) of the Rotary Club of Haliburton. Wheels founder Lisa McCoy crouches at far left. Photo (above and bottom) courtesy of Marc Durocher Photography.

Rotarian humanitarian trip bittersweet

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The smiles of gratitude were enough to elicit feelings of joy and sorrow by the six participants from the Rotary Club of Haliburton after returning a few weeks ago from the annual Rotary Wheels for Learning trip in Cambodia.

This humanitarian effort just finished its third year and its start is credited to Rotary Club of Gravenhurst's Lisa McCoy.

This year it included 29 participants from Rotary District 7010 who helped to deliver and assemble 1,333 bicycles for children in elementary school and high school, including their families in several rural communities over three-weeks on behalf of Rotary International, starting the last week of January.

Weeks after the experience, the local participants had time to recuperate from the 12-hour time difference and to reflect on the life-altering trip that gives hope for a better life.

It has given perspective about what truly matters the most.

McCoy's presentation last spring to the Haliburton club prompted Steve Roberts of Haliburton to participate, who learned bikes are invaluable for transportation in a developing nation such as Cambodia. They not only enable children to get to school, sometimes 10 kilometres from home, but it is used by the entire family as the "family car."

He called this trip a "real eye opener."

All of the bikes were donated to communities in rural Cambodia, which Roberts considered at least 50 years behind.

"They don't have much, but they're really happy people. They're some of the happiest people I've ever met because I think they don't know any different," he said.

The recently retired Haliburton resident said there is a physical component necessary to the trip, as bikes need to be assembled under sunny and warm temperatures of more than 30 degrees Celsius. The team was constantly looking for shade to lessen the effects of the sun.

He adds every bike requires 15 minutes of attention, which includes straightening handlebars, installing pedals and various other adjustments.

At every location whether it was a school or a Buddhist temple, the team was welcomed and for every distribution there was a ceremony, marking the occasion.

Among the Cambodians, he said, is an overwhelming relaxed attitude regardless of the situation.

He is still amazed at how he never saw road rage exhibited despite the high volume of traffic, sometimes literally elbow-to-elbow thick with bicycles, motorcyclists and Tuk-Tuks going in every direction.

"In Toronto there would be fist fights ... we should take a lesson from that," he said.

Steve's wife, Andrea will never forget Sarak, the boy who has a dream to become a doctor.

"Here he was, a poor village boy, with such a big dream. I could see a spark in his eye and I shook his hand, and said he needed to stay in school, and that he would become a doctor," she wrote in an email. "That was such a special moment for me. I was hot, thirsty, and grumbling to myself and this boy inspired me. The gift of a bike may seem small

but it can make such a big impact in their life, ensuring they can get to school and further their dreams. The people we met were so appreciative of what we were doing and it made the whole project very satisfying."

The councillor of Dysart et al still remembers how Sarak and a few friends helped her line up 82 of the donated bikes in a dry and lumpy rice paddy in preparation for a group photo.

Her husband knows there is always more to do, but takes solace in the gratitude from the recipients who will be helped.

"We could have given away 10,000 bikes. It's just a drop in the bucket, but it affected [1,333] people and the next time it will affect another 1,350 or whatever the number the bikes next year," he said.

This experience left Steve with a new perspective about what role countries like Canada should fulfill.

"The people from the western world need to help the Third World. If everybody (not everyone can do that) did something like Andrea and I did it would make things better," he said.

Gooderham couple Brian and Dorothy Menton came via China by bus after spending several months teaching in Nanning, China.

Dorothy's voice drips with emotion, slow and staggered, describing how the trip has indelibly left its mark.

"I feel like I got more out of it than actually giving. Just to see the look on those kids' faces and even the parents, their faces. Just to get so simplistic as a bicycle is life changing for them," she said.

She can still remember the great smile while pushing a six-year-old girl, who couldn't even hold the bike up, on her maiden voyage.

"They have so little and yet they're so happy. They're very grateful for what little thing we were bringing them - a bicycle," she said.

Brian couldn't believe how the remnants of war are littered throughout the countryside.

"We were delivering bikes to a school and literally right across the road, the highway was a big de-mining area. They were actively de-mining that part of the area," he said. "Had we wandered out we could have easily got into a problem."

He adds a doctor told the team he sees two mine victims a week on average.

The team visited at least 10 locations during the trip.

The trip included Haliburton Rotarians George Kadoke and Marran Woods, and her husband Glen.

The bikes were bought through donations from the public and Rotary clubs.

In addition to Haliburton, they represented Rotary clubs from Gravenhurst, Bracebridge, Bridgenorth-Ennismore-Lakefield, Parry Sound, Barrie-Kempfent, and Matheson.

The Rotary Wheels for Learning has not only distributed thousands of bikes, but also school supplies and rice.

Leaving was the toughest part for Dorothy, who has also experienced similar emotions after returning from a few wheelchair donation trips through Rotary.

"We gave out over 1,300 bicycles, but there were still kids there ... there were not enough to go around. Your heart was just bleeding for them. That's the hard part," she said.

For more information see rotarywheelsforlearning.blogspot.ca



Top, Cambodian boy Sarak stands by a collection of bicycles that were given by Rotarians such as Andrea Roberts, who was touched by his dream to be a doctor. Photo submitted by Andrea Roberts.

Above, Rotary Club of Haliburton member Steve Roberts puts the final touches to the assembly of a bicycle.

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Flamenco group to light up Haliburton

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

She's a journalist by day and a flamenco dancer by night.

At more than six feet tall, Lia Grainger has an athletic build that for many years lent itself to life as an elite basketball player.

But now the Vancouver native has traded in her sneakers for frilly skirts and prefers to spend her time on the stage rather than the court.

"I just quit [basketball] one day; I was burned out," said Grainger.

After taking some time to travel, Grainger returned to Vancouver with a new passion in mind.

"I was like, I want to be a dancer, but I [thought] I'm old, it's too late," she said.

She began taking classes and found one particular style that piqued her interest.

Flamenco.

"After a year I went to Spain, I was really into it," she said. "For the past few years I've been really focusing on it, really doing it, and it's slowly just taken over everything."

Now Grainger, 32, is a member of Fin de Fiesta, an all-Canadian flamenco troupe heading to Haliburton Village at the end of this month.

The group is returning fresh from Spain, where they formed their group a number of years ago.

It was there where Grainger connected with singer/dancer Tamar Ilana, dancer Alexandra Talbot and musician Dennis Duffin in a café.

"We were all just working so hard there that it made sense to do something together here [in Canada]," said Grainger.

From now until April the group is performing their second tour together throughout Ontario, primarily visiting small towns and intimate audiences.

It creates a whole different experience than

performing in a large, urban area, said Grainger, who will be visiting Haliburton for the first time.

"We felt that people really were interested in what we had to offer," she said. "Flamenco is exciting, it's passionate. It's entertaining and not boring."

Throughout the two-hour performance audience members will be entertained with both live music and dance, both solo numbers and group pieces, said Grainger.

Many of the dancers' costumes are custom made, with bright colours and elaborate prints highlighting the artistic flare of flamenco.

"I think it's a dance that really allows you to express a wide range of emotions but really, really intensely," said Grainger. "It's extremely powerful. When I see people that are doing it well I see these emotions that are real."

There is also a high amount of technical work required to perform, as well as the ability to react to live music, the preferred soundtrack for flamenco, said Grainger.

The name of the troupe is derived from the part of a flamenco show that takes place at the end, where members of the audience join in on the fun.

"That's my favourite part, the fin de fiesta," said Grainger. "They invite everyone to come up to jam. It means end of the party but it's like the beginning of the party ... it really is very fun to watch or be a part of. Nothing is planned or choreographed."

Those interested in being part of the fun can catch Fin de Fiesta performing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on March 27 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$18 for seniors and students and can be purchased online through www.madeinaliburton.ca or at The Photo Shop in Haliburton and Organic Times in Minden.



Dancer Lia Grainger is one of four members of Fin de Fiesta, a Canadian flamenco troupe currently on tour throughout Ontario. A professional journalist by trade, Grainger first fell in love with flamenco about 12 years ago. The group, who does much of their dance training in Spain, will be performing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on March 27 at 7 p.m. Levent Erutku/Photo submitted

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Highlands East budgets for infrastructure upgrades

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Upgraded heating for the Lloyd Watson Centre, a new roof for the Wilberforce Curling Club and a columbarium for the South Wilberforce cemetery.

These are just some of the items that Highlands East will be budgeting for in the upcoming year.

Councillors took a glimpse at their 2014 budget during their March 11 meeting, with a more detailed discussion planned for their next meeting.

Priority items for this year include upgrading the heating at the LWC, with the municipality in the process of obtaining options, including solar.

Highlands East is also looking at installing a columbarium at the South Wilberforce cemetery, to conserve space on the land, according to chief administrative officer and treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig.

Designed to hold cremation ashes, columbariums are becoming more popular, said the CAO/treasurer.

"In the future we could look at getting one for each cemetery," she said.

Other expenses in the proposed budget include roads equipment and capital costs, an almost \$40,000 increase in OPP costs, \$75,000 allotted to the LWC heating upgrade, as well as an increase in waste management and planning costs.

Paying off the library debt and covering wage increases as well as general administration expenses, due to an additional staff member and the upcoming election, were also part of the draft budget.

Last year revenues were equal to or higher than what was budgeted by the municipality, according to Stoughton-Craig.

While some departments under spent, the roads department was hit hard, over-spending their budgeted amount due to fuel increases and overtime caused by weather conditions.

2013 ended with a \$167,796 contribution from municipal reserves and more than \$561,000 was set up as unfinanced capital for the new sand dome and Wilberforce library branch.

The draft budget is \$309,282 more than what the municipality budgeted for in 2013.

Council passed a resolution allowing transportation superintendent Earl Covert and environment superintendent Glen Covert to start tendering for necessary capital equipment.

The next council meeting is scheduled for March 25 at 9 a.m.

Council loans \$11,000 to Gooderham Bandstand

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 11 meeting of Highlands East council.

It was music to their ears.

On March 11 the Gooderham Bandstand Committee was successful in receiving a \$11,000 loan from the municipality of Highlands East, to go towards the construction of a bandstand near the McCausland Community Centre.

During an update on the initiative, members of the committee approached council for financial help with the project, which has been ongoing since 2012.

To date, the committee, which includes Donna Graham, Clayton Marsh and Dave Rogers, has raised more than \$8,000 for the project through events and raffle ticket sales.

They have also been successful in obtaining \$10,000 through the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

However, the grant from HCDC must be used by March 31 of this year, otherwise the group is at risk of losing the funds, according to the committee.

A building permit from the municipality has been obtained and the committee believes they will be ready to break ground on the bandstand this spring.

The plan is to use a number of volunteers to help build the bandstand, said Rogers.

Councillor Cec Ryall suggested the committee involve Highlands East property supervisor Jim Alden in the next stages of planning, as the bandstand will become municipal property once complete.

Councillors passed a resolution to loan \$11,000 to the bandstand committee, under the umbrella of the Gooderham Action Committee, with the contingency that fundraising for the project continue.

Greens Mountain master plan gets underway

The wheels are rolling on a recreational master plan for Greens Mountain, an area of Crown land just outside Gooderham.

Consultant David Clark, who was hired by the municipality to create a master plan for the area, spoke to council about what the process will include.

Clark has assembled a team for the project, which includes representatives from the Ministry of Natural Resources, tourism and trail stakeholders and off-road vehicle advocate Ken Hoeverman.

The goal of the exercise is to create a viable, innovative and sustainable master plan that meets the needs of users and stakeholders, said Clark.

The plan will focus on natural resource protection, Greens Mountain as a tourism destination, as well as opportunities for economic development and employment.

During the next few months Clark will be meeting with the public and interested parties.

"We do want this to be this community's plan," said Clark.

At the end he will prepare a report outlining challenges and opportunities as well as a draft management plan for the municipality.

That draft plan will include aspects such as governance, a financial model, partnerships, risk management, trail development and more.

The project will wrap-up at the end of this summer.

Council and Clark are encouraging the public to give their input.

"Now is the time to put it on the table," said Councillor Joan Barton. "It will only be as good as we all make it."

A public meeting for the project is scheduled for April 3 at 7 p.m. in Gooderham.

Septic inspection partnership

Highlands East is looking at partnering with the Peterborough County-City Health Unit on septic inspections.

While inspections were previously conducted by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, that service will be ending in June of this year.

Atul Jain and Kathleen Shepherd made a delegation to council, outlining what a formal agreement between the Peterborough Health Unit and Highlands East would look like.

Many of the same services would be offered and fees would be similar to what they are now.

Jain said the health unit would like to see a three- to five-year agreement and a written commitment from the municipality, contingent on a satisfactory business plan presented by the health unit.

Council will be making a decision on the partnership at a later date.

Landfills open to all

Until the end of September any resident of Highlands East can take his or her garbage to any dump.

The municipality has agreed to embark on a pilot project, allowing residents to use

their landfill card at any of the Highlands East landfills.

The trial project came about following a request from Monck Lake residents, asking to use the Ward 1 landfill in Cardiff.

The request stated the landfill in Cardiff was six kilometres from Monck Lake, while the designated landfill for residents was 20 kilometres away.

Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge was in favour of opening up the landfill to all residents, citing proximity and reducing the environmental footprint as reasons.

Ward 1 Councillor Steve Kauffeldt felt differently.

"If you open it up to everyone it's going to become a problem," he said, adding he was thinking about the permanent population in Cardiff and the possibility of long lines.

According to environment supervisor Glen Covert, the Ministry of Environment certificates allow any Highlands East resident to use any Highlands East landfill and it's up to council to decide who can go where.

Barton suggested it was time to re-examine the landfill boundaries and change them.

Covert said if the municipality was going to do that it could potentially take time and resources during the transition.

Barton suggested a trial period before changing things permanently.

"This is going to be very difficult to backtrack from," she said.

A resolution for a seven-month trial period to allow residents to use any landfill site they want, with the exception of the Glamorgan transfer site, was raised.

Kauffeldt requested a recorded vote.

Reeve Dave Burton and Kauffeldt voted against the motion, while Barton, Partridge and Councillor Cec Ryall voted in favour.

The resolution was carried.

The trial period will go until the end of September.

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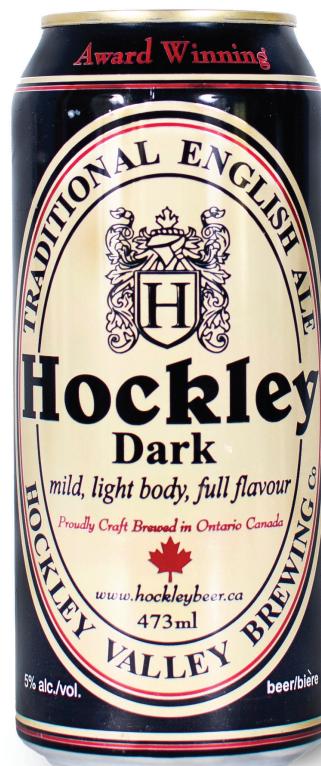
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Minden artist Olya Chudnovsky stands in front of three of her iris paintings at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. Her Zen Garden exhibition is on until April 19.

Exhibition captures calm Zen garden

Jenn Watt

Editor

A serene monk stares out of his oil-paint canvas, eyes looking through the viewer focused, presumably, on a higher plain. Around him, symbols of a Japanese Zen garden swirl; the pattern of a traditional rake on gravel, the peaked roof of a tea house, the deep red of the floor runner and flowing waves of magnolias.

The monk watches over all of Olya Chudnovsky's paintings at the Rails End Gallery, each representing an aspect of a Zen garden, also known as a Japanese rock garden.

There are the irises - contours of reds and oranges, looking both floral and otherworldly - the Queen Anne's lace against a deep blue Haliburton sky and the Japanese maple canvas, painted almost entirely in a rich red.

It's Chudnovsky's own garden of sorts, pulled together for an

exhibition at the gallery on until April 19.

"I'm realizing that I'm still researching the subject matter, I mean, the zen garden experience. It could be in colours, it could be in forms, it could be some symbols. It just very organically came together," said the artist, who is a financial planner living just outside Minden.

Chudnovsky and her husband Boris travelled to Kyoto about four years ago, exclusively touring the city's Zen gardens

for two weeks.

The experience has informed her work ever since.

"I'm very surprised how it grows. The aftertaste is much more powerful than the trip itself," she said.

The calm of nature is reflected throughout the collection: a cool winter tree, a painterly pear, a larger-than-life vase of flowers.

Beyond the literal subject matter, Chudnovsky is interested in conveying emotion through colour.

Take the Japanese maple painting.

"In the fall, there is a lot of red colour ... but among this red sometimes is a small piece of such a red that you just stop and you're mesmerized by this. It's an attempt to get these feelings," she said.

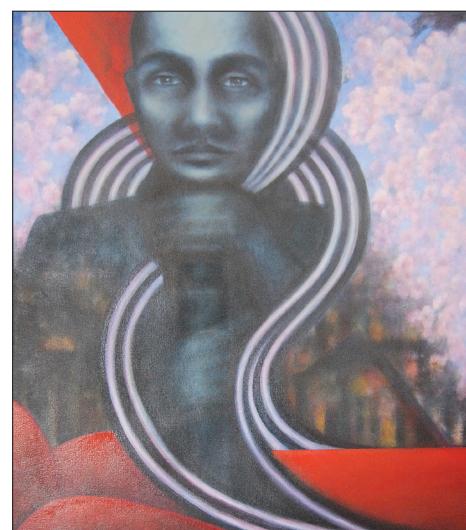
Zen Garden is Chudnovsky's first exhibition. She started painting about 10 years ago as a hobby, which she said has taken over her life.

Originally from St. Petersburg, Russia, the Chudnovskys lived in Toronto

for many years before heading north to their favourite vacation spot in the Haliburton Highlands. They bought their place nine years ago and settled in fulltime four years ago.

"We love it here. It's a beautiful spot of the land," she said.

The Rails End Gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 23 York St., Haliburton, 705-457-2330.



This work by Minden resident Olya Chudnovsky represents the elements of a Japanese Zen garden. The monk stares out from the middle of the painting with elements of the garden around him, including cherry blossoms to the right, a tea house below and raked gravel swirling through the centre. The painting is part of the Zen Garden exhibition on at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton until April 19.

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Sean and Gwen Pennylegion have recently returned to Haliburton after a trip to Cambodia teaching kids about all sorts of things – including ukulele. Photo submitted

\$5 request turns gold for Cambodian children

Jerelyn Craden
Special to the Echo

All they asked for from friends and colleagues was \$5 to buy ukuleles for kids at a poor rural settlement school outside of Siem Reap, Cambodia. But what Haliburton residents Sean and Gwen Pennylegion received was beyond their expectations.

"We were overwhelmed," Sean said. "The object was to get a couple hundred bucks to buy 10 \$20 ukes that we would teach the kids how to play. Everyone sent way more than \$5 which enabled us to buy the ukes and so much more that was needed for the school and the community."

Avid cyclists, Sean, general manager of the Forest Festival for five years and past artistic director of the Haliburton County Folk Society, and wife, Gwen, a staff member at the Haliburton School of the Arts, began cycling through Europe, New Zealand, Cuba and Asia 10 years ago.

"We'd bring our bikes with us ... break them down ... put them in a box."

Five years ago, it was the people of Cambodia who won their hearts.

"They're the nicest people, which we found humbling especially after suffering at the hands of the fanatical Khmer Rouge who mass murdered one fifth of the population including intellectuals who were targeted. Cambodia was the most heavily mined and bombed country in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. Much of the country was left in ruins," Sean said.

"Now, 50 per cent of the population is under the age of 30," Gwen said. "We not only spent five weeks helping to teach the kids how to speak English properly, we also taught the teachers."

"The Cambodian education system is challenged," Sean said. "English can get these kids better jobs in tourism, the main industry there. They're like little sponges ... no quit in them. If they have a leg up, it could lead to an opportunity in university."

Three years ago, the Pennylegions found a volunteer opportunity that compelled them to return to the area twice, this time with ukuleles and funding for needed supplies.

"The school is located in a village seven kilometres outside of Siem Reap. It's dirt poor," Sean said. "Thatched stilt houses, no bathrooms, and not everyone has potable water. The school has five classrooms, two with no walls, and a porch. Classes go from pre-kindergarten to senior high school. Gwen worked with the little kids on the porch – with shapes, colours, numbers, alphabets. I taught the older kids English language and social skills and how to play the ukulele."

In five short weeks, the couple contributed greatly by enhancing the school and supporting the community. There are now two guitars, a tambourine, 12 ukuleles (one tenor, 11 sopranos), nine music stands, tuners, new white boards, garbage cans, mats for shoes, 12 desks, school uniforms, a basketball hoop, basketball, and a much needed breakfast program.

Gwen discovered that some kids were arriving at school hungry. For 25 cents per child, there is now hot soup every morning with rice, meat, and vegetables."

Twenty-five children (a core of eight) received ukulele instruction. "They went from zero to learning five songs including: *You Are My Sunshine*, and the Beatles' *Hello Goodbye*, among others."

In addition, through the school's outreach program, the Pennylegions arranged for two wells to be put in where up to three families can share them. Each bears a plaque depicting the Canadian flag and the words: The Uke Project.

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Haliburton goes wild

Photos by Jenn Watt & Angelica Blenich



Volunteers peel more than 100 pounds of potatoes in preparation for the annual Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association wild game dinner on March 15. Held at the Haliburton Legion, this year the event sold out, with about 200 people in attendance. The dinner is a fundraiser for the organization that stocks area lakes with fish and operates the fish hatchery.



The line up for wild game stretched through the Haliburton Legion for a good part of the evening as attendees sampled everything from buffalo to wild boar meat at the annual wild game dinner. The event was sold out.



Volunteers served meat to attendees of the wild game dinner at the Haliburton Legion on March 15. The event was sold out and money raised went to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association.



Local businesses chipped in for prizes in the silent auction.



Art Theberge, left, and Steve Searle slice up moose meat in preparation for the annual Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association wild game dinner on March 15.

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Spring hockey

Left, Highlands teens Caleb Schmidt, closest, shovels snow off Head Lake to play hockey with Devon Bangay, far left, and Hunter Smith on Tuesday, March 11 in Haliburton.

Right, Hunter, left, looks on as Devon and Caleb battle for the puck.

The warm temperatures drew people to the lake to skate and play hockey. Shovels are available at Baked and Battered, courtesy of Dysart Township through their municipal pilot recreation program.

Photos by Darren Lum



Local badminton player contributes to district's historic win

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Red Hawks alumnus Darcy Schmidt is shining badminton silver after coming through with his prediction for a strong team finish at the Ontario Winter Games.

Schmidt, who was interviewed before the games about a podium finish prior to the games, was playing for the Central Ontario Badminton Association (COBA) in singles and doubles (with Hamza Munawar) at the Muskoka Region hosted event from Feb. 27 to March 2.

The silver medal is the district's best finish since the bronze medal won in 1989.

Schmidt couldn't be happier about his achievement.

"It is the best achievement so far in my badminton career. It means a lot more than my high school championships because the Ontario Winter Games was a lot harder cause there was more competition," he writes in an email.

The Highlands teen finished seventh in last year's all-provincials for his high school.

He adds the team dominated everyone at the games, but the gold medal winning Ottawa District Badminton Association, who beat COBA 5-4 in round robin play and 7-2 –

the total record of head-to-head matches in two boys singles, two girls singles, two boys doubles, two girls doubles, a mixed match – in the final. Ottawa finished the round robin first followed by Central Ontario.

The COBA coach Jolyon Thompson said Schmidt was integral to the team's silver medal.

"Darcy was instrumental in securing wins on the boys side, especially in boys' singles. His wins in boys' singles against the two Toronto and district teams in round robin competition and in the medal round helped us advance and win the silver medal," he said. "In the gold medal round Darcy won the opening game against the No. 1 boys singles player from Ottawa. The Ottawa player won the second game and the third game went back and forth as well with long rallies. Although Darcy ended up losing he was the only player in the tournament to take a game off the No. 1 player from Ottawa. This added to the suspense and drama of the gold medal tie."

During the round robin, Thompson points out, Schmidt outlasted the No. 2 boys' singles player from Ottawa in a three game match.

Thompson adds the team's female players, particularly two, were also formidable in the tournament, as they "consistently won matches" during the tournament.

There were seven teams that played each other during the round robin, followed by a knockout round. The field included teams from central Ontario, western Ontario, Georgian Bay, northern Ontario and two from Toronto district.

Schmidt, who was arguably the strongest player on the team, also won the Fair Play Award.

Thompson said the umpires didn't say exactly why Schmidt was named, but "it is usually a combination of making fair line calls, being upbeat and positive on court during play and respecting your opponent and the umpire."

This is the third consecutive games where a COBA athlete has won this award.

This year's finish surpasses the team's fifth place from the last games.

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The Minden arena was packed on March 15 as friends and family came out to cheer on the Highland Storm Bantam team in their first game of the OMHA all Ontario finals against Mount Brydges. The game was a nail biter as back and forth scoring chances kept the goalies busy. The Mount Brydges Cougars won with a final score of 4-3.



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The Highland Storm Smolen Dentistry Bantam As lost Game 1 of the best three out of five to Mount Brydges by a score of 4-3.

The game started off with players being introduced by Rick Lowes and then Storm players skated over and shook hands and presented Mount Brydges with a gift bag. Then Kayla Bird did an amazing job singing *O Canada* in front of a jam-packed crowd at the S.G. Nesbitt arena. The puck then dropped and seven seconds into the game Matt Wilbee scored on a pass from Owen Smitty Smith. Cougars managed to beat Storm's goalie Parker Smolen at the 6:46 mark of the first period. Then eight seconds later Storm's Chase Burden fired a shot by their tender assisted by Greg Crofts and Mark Saville to make it 2-1. Cougars tied it up at two at the 12:22 mark in the second.

Cougars then took the lead at 8:14 in the third and then Storm tied it up with 3:19 left in the game on a goal by Nolan Flood assisted by Ethan Keefer and Mark Saville. Then Cougars finished the game off at the 1:41 mark to give them the win. Storm travels to Mount Brydges next weekend for games 2 and 3 and then will hopefully be coming back home for games 4 and 5 in Haliburton if need be on March 29 at 6 p.m. and March 30 at 1:30.

Special thanks to the people and businesses who have donated to help out with the costs of the coach bus. Still some seats available on the bus if anyone is interested. Special thanks to Rick Lowes for doing the announcing and to Kayla Bird for singing the national anthem. Also to the newspapers for coming out to the game and Charlie Teljeur for recording it.

Submitted by Craig Smith



Summer will come
Jon Nicholls sent in this photo from last summer while at Jim Mitchell's (his father in law's) cottage at Canning Lake. "Thought it was time to show a pic to remind us that summer is coming! This expat is suffering this winter, but looking forward to warmer weather," he wrote.
Send your wildlife photos to jenn@haliburtonpress.com

The Book Thief: DVD of the month

Ten-year-old Liesel Meminger steals books. Growing up in a foster family in Germany during the horrors of World War II, she finds solace in those stolen books and sharing them with others including Max, the young Jewish man her foster parents are sheltering in their basement. As the war escalates, Liesel learns lessons of love, loyalty and loss all against the backdrop of one of the most tragic periods in world history.



The Book Thief, based on the award-winning novel by Markus Zusak, was nominated for an Oscar for its original score written by John Williams. *The Book Thief*, along with the novel of the same name, is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

Tickets are available for the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Lunch and Learn on April 9 at 12 p.m. at the Community Room in Haliburton. Guest speaker Janet Hepburn, will present her Evergreen Award nominated novel *Flee, Fly, Flown*. Contact Brenda for tickets at 705-457-2695.

Watch for more news from the Haliburton County Public Library alternating weeks in the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times*.

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All is green in Haliburton



There were close to 100 people who went to the St. Patrick's Day Lunch organized by the Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary at the Legion on Monday, March 17.



Darren Lum Staff

West Guilford resident Paul Nolan shows off his green at the St. Patrick's Day Lunch organized by the Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary at the Legion in Haliburton on Monday, March 17. Despite the hat Nolan was born in Dublin, Ireland and comes to the annual event every year. The lunch of stew, coleslaw and dessert was served to close to 100 people, which included residents from the Highland Wood and Hyland Crest long-term care facilities, including members of the Red Hat Society.

Atom A team sad season is over

The Peppermill Atom A team wasn't victorious over Listowel I in the semi-finals, but success can be measured in so many ways! We had a great group of players:

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Further information on the proposed fees and charges are available on the Municipality's website at www.dysartetal.ca

EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Council, at its meeting held on July 23, 2012, passed By-law No. 2012-68, Being a By-law to provide for the maintenance, management and control of the Evergreen Cemetery. The Municipality has submitted this By-law to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act 2002 for approval.

Any interested parties may contact the undersigned for information or to obtain a copy. A copy of the By-law is posted on the Municipal Website.

This By-law shall come into force and effect upon receiving approval by the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act 2002. (Telephone: Cemeteries Regulation Unit (416) 326-8399)

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As coach Tim Keefer stated many times before "we went further than we first thought we would" and the boys each

improved in many ways from the start of the season.

We had our sponsor wrap up party at the Peppermill on Sunday. A huge thank you goes out to Greg and Lisa Turner for their sponsorship and support all season.

Tim Keefer gave a wonderful speech and made all the players feel special for their accomplishments this year. He gave a huge shout out to the team parents for the support and cooperative spirit we all had for the team. For a team to be successful it matters very much that the parents are backing the team 100 per cent.

When the party was over no one wanted to leave. It was sad to see it over for another year! Thank you to everyone who supported our team this year in one way or another, we sure appreciated it!

Until next fall!
Submitted by Kathy Martin

Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the Estate of Elizabeth Brooks, Pensioner, deceased,

All Persons having claims as creditors against the estate of the above mentioned, late of the municipality of Highlands East, in the County of Haliburton, who died at the said municipality, on September 15th, 2013, are required to file proof of same with the undersigned on or before May 5th, 2014.

After that date the Public Guardian and Trustee will proceed to distribute the estate, having regard only to the claims of which s/he then shall have had notice.

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Full application packages are available on the WDB website, www.wdb.ca.

The deadline for submission of proposals is March 28, 2014 at 4:30pm (Eastern Standard Time). Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered. Only proposals submitted by email to workforce@wdb.ca will be accepted.

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Check out the quilt at Maple Fest in Wilberforce

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Hilda Clark

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The Highlands East Recreational Figure Skating Club will put on their version of an Ice Capades show this coming Saturday evening March 22 at the Keith Tallman Arena here in Wilberforce. All of their members from beginners to more advanced skaters will be demonstrating the skating skills they have honed this season. This is always a good show with good efforts from skaters moving to lively music in creative costumes. Because many of the participants are quite young the show starts at 6:30 p.m.

It was good to have the work of volunteers acknowledged with the *Echo* photo last week of quilters working on the Heritage Guild's first prize in this year's raffle. The quilt has now been beautifully completed by another volunteer, Maureen O'Hara, who worked on the borders and binding.

The green in two of the borders brings out the touch of that colour in a mainly soft beige toned top. Thanks Maureen.

Look for the quilt at Maple Fest at the LWMC on Easter Saturday before or after you enjoy a breakfast or lunch of pancakes, sausages and maple syrup.

It was interesting to have Darren Lum and Zach Cox come by the historic outpost to learn about this National Historic Site and the WHG's fundraising for it. Best wishes in your work at the *Echo*, Zach.

This month's toonie lunch at St. Margaret's Church will be served this Thursday, March 20 at noon. We hear that bread has been returned to the menu. Always good with soup. There will be dessert and coffee and tea as well.

Julie Thornton reports that her spring themed craft and story times at the Wilberforce, Gooderham and Cardiff libraries during the recent school break were fun for her and the youngsters who attended.

Students and staff are back in our schools this week for the last term in this school year. We are sure they are all refreshed from a pleasant vacation and pleased to be back together again.

Let's hope that the educational session entitled "Navigating the Health Care System in Haliburton County" held Tuesday, March 18 at the LWMC at 2:30 p.m. is well attended. If you missed it check with a friend or neighbour who may have attended.

There were to be presentations about and questions answered regarding hospitals, home care, home support services and long-term care facilities in our county.

Think spring - a gentle warm one.

Community centre to host a dinner and movie night

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

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The next two cooking classes at Abbey Gardens occur on March 19 - winter salads - and April 9 - all about how to make simple pasta meals. The previous two have been worthwhile - the cutting up of chicken and several recipes demonstrated on cooking chicken with various delectable ingredients. The recipes using parsnip were equally tasty. Each participant was sent home with samples of neeps and tatties cakes, some butternut squash pancake batter, mashed potato pancakes and flavourfully seasoned parsnip pie.

Congratulations to Janet and Callum Wood and Shane and Linda Sisson on the birth of a new grandchild, Anderson Keith, born to Kristen and Josh Thompson on March 6, 2014 in Peterborough Hospital and weighing in at 7 lb. 9 oz. Best wishes to all the family!

The following is Carol Stamp's contribution to the column, much appreciated by yours truly.

The West Guilford Recreation Centre will be holding a dinner and movie night on Saturday, May 10. They have a limited number of tickets available and will be showing the movie *There's Something in the Water* at two different times. The first viewing will start at 3:30 p.m. and the second viewing of the movie will be held at 7:15 p.m. A cocktail hour will be held between the two viewings from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by

supper from 6 to 7 p.m. for all ticket holders. Come on out and meet some of the stars of the movie and enjoy a great meal put on by the ladies of West Guilford. Tickets can be purchased at the West Guilford Shopping Centre, West Guilford Auto, Cottage Country Log Cabin and Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton. Tickets are \$20 per person. Remember, there are a limited number of tickets available so purchase your tickets early.

Also, the organizing committee for the annual Canada Day event would like everyone to know that this year they will be holding a flea market on Canada Day. They will have tables available for those that wish to sell their goods either using the downstairs hall of the outside grounds. There will be no charge for the use of the centre tables or you may bring your own. They are also looking for new volunteers to help with the event.

If you have a new event that you would like to see included in the festivities or an idea that you would like to share with them, please leave your name on the answering machine at the centre 705-754-1605 or contact any committee member. Remember, in order to keep this event going, they must have the support of the community.

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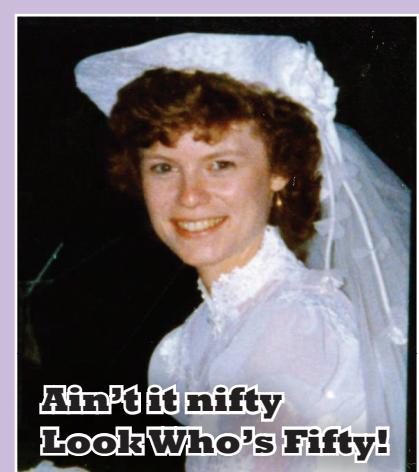
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Pre-deceased by her loving husband of 47 years, Robert David (Dave) Clarry.

Jessie will be greatly missed by her sisters Lila (Elwood 'Sixty') Coombs of Lindsay; Mary (Earl 'Scotty') Flanagan of Wasaga Beach; Margaret Margie (Walker) Kydd of Sunderland and pre-deceased brother, Bruce Maughan.

Jessie leaves behind seven children including Robert (Janice) in Markham; Heather in Victoria, B.C.; Elizabeth (Ann) in Sutton; David (Sandra) in Oshawa; Ronald in Sunderland, Kevin (Lori) in Haliburton; Janette (Janet) in Stouffville. She also leaves 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service to be scheduled at **Dixon Garland Funeral Home**, 166 Main Street North, Markham 905-294-2030 www.dixongarland.com for details in the coming days.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Currie, Jeffrey Jonathan

July 14, 1975 – March 13, 2014

Jeffrey died peacefully at Mackenzie Health, Richmond Hill, surrounded by his family, beloved son of William and Patricia Currie. Loving brother of Julieanne and her husband Raymond Lawrence, Joshua and his wife Christine Currie, Jillian and her husband Joel Howey. He will be missed by his nephews and nieces Ashley, Alexander and Amelia Lawrence; Isabel and Molly Currie; Jameson and Elise Howey. A special thank you to Betty Vandenhazel, Jeffrey's long time caregiver and second mother and Sandra Butler, his long time friend and physiotherapist. The family would like to extend a special thank you to all those at the March of Dimes who loved and cared for Jeffrey and to the medical staff at Mackenzie Health. The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) Monday, March 17 in the evening 7 – 9, Tuesday, March 18 in the afternoon 2 – 4 and evening 7 – 9 o'clock. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the March of Dimes, 10 Overlea Blvd., Toronto M4H 1A4. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



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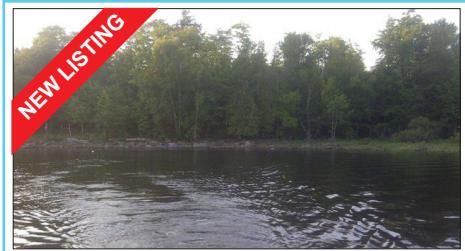
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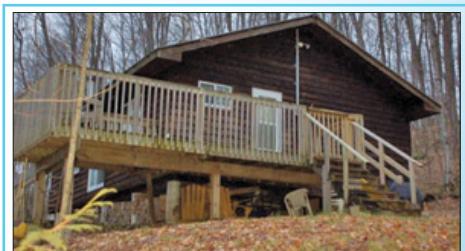
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